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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Section, DPD

SUBJECT : Air Force Personnel Command Changes

1. The June 22, 1959 AVIATION WEEK announces the following command changes of interest to us, with particular interest to you in connection with clearances.

a. Major General J. E. Smart, USAF, moves from assistant vice chief of staff to command of the 12th Air Force, TAC. He will be replaced by Major General Robert M. Montgomery, USAF, presently Commander of 3rd Air Division, Strategic Air Command.

b. Brigadier General J. Stanley Holtzer, USAF, whom we last encountered as Commander of Edwards Air Force Base before he was replaced by General Marcus Cooper, is to be made a Major General and is to be assigned as military assistant to Defense Research and Engineering Director Herbert York.

c. General Frank Everest, USAF, presently Commanding General, USAF, is to become the new Commander, Technical Air Command. He will be replaced in USAF by Lieutenant General Frederic H. Smith, Jr., soon to be promoted to four-star general. You will recall Lieutenant General Smith not only as a friend of Mr. Bissell's but in his position in Fifth Air Force several years ago as Commander at which time, he was briefed on Project CHALICE by [] and myself.

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2. I am certain that these major changes will result in subordinate command changes that will necessarily change our CHALICE clearance line-up. Since Col. Geary and I plan tentatively to visit USAF at the end of July, at which point the command shift occurs in that theater, we could very easily up-date General Smith on the CHALICE effort, assuming that you would have sufficient opportunity between now and then to re-activate his clearance.

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